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BEDELL SMITH WORRIED

Ex-Envoy Says He Can Find

No Comfort in Soviet Shake Up WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)-Walter Bedell Smith, former Under Secretary of State and onetime Ambassador to Moscow, said Tuesday he thought relations with the Soviet Union would be more difficult as a result of the governmental shift at Moscow.

"I'can't take any comfort from
all this," Mr. Smith told a reporter. "I don't like the looks
of it a bit. It certainly doesn't
mean that relations with the Soviets are going to be any easier."
Mr. Smith said that the downfall of Premier Georgi M Malenfall of Premier Georgi M. Malenkov, the succession of Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin and the strengthening of the power of Nikita S. Khrushchev all add up Nikita S. Khrushchev all add up to "a new power alignment."

He said he thought that the shake-up and what the Russians have said about it show that "they've had a very bad cropyear and that they are obviously having trouble with industrial production."

On the foreign policy side Mr.